

Preliminary Amendment

Amendment to the Title:

On page 1, please replace the title with the following new title:

--Tread for Pneumatic Tires--.

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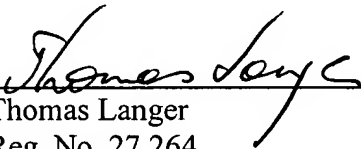
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This preliminary amendment is presented to replace the title with a new title. No new matter has been added. Early examination and favorable consideration of the above-identified application is earnestly solicited.

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with the application may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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